

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2003-220-E - ORDER NO. 2004-247  
MAY 11, 2004

IN RE: Application of Carolina Power & Light	)	ORDER APPROVING
Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas,	)	REVISIONS TO METER-
Inc. for Approval of Optional Meter-Related	)	RELATED OPTIONAL
Programs.	)	PROGRAMS RIDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (“Progress”) for approval of certain revisions to its meter-related optional programs rider. The new service is an enhancement to the “Energy Profiler Online” (“EPO”) program which offers customers daily updates to the meter data available at the EPO website. Progress’ request was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F) and applicable Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

According to its filing, Progress advises the Commission that it currently offers EPO to non-residential customers with a registered or contract demand of 30kW or greater as an internet-based access to historic 15-minute interval consumption data updated monthly. Progress alleges that subsequent to its introduction in August 2003, participants in EPO have requested that Progress refresh the meter data more frequently to better support the consumers efforts to manage their electrical consumption. Progress is proposing in this Application to revise its tariff to support updating the meter data every business day at a monthly rate of \$45.00 per meter. Consumers desiring to

continue receiving monthly updates may continue under the current EPO plan at the current monthly rate of \$25.00 per month. The remaining costs or charges under the current tariff are to remain the same.

In response to its non-residential customers' requests, Progress has revised the Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-2 to include this new service and charge. A more thorough explanation of the specifics of the new program are contained in the Rider which was Exhibit No. 1 to Progress' Application in this matter and is attached hereto as Order Exhibit No. 1.

Based upon review of Progress' Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-2, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Progress proposes to revise its tariff to support updating the meter data under the EPO program every business day, as opposed to monthly, at a monthly rate of \$45.00 per month.
2. Progress' EPO daily updated meter data service will be available to all customers currently qualifying for the EPO program, specifically those non-residential customers with a registered or contract demand of 30kW or greater.
3. Because the amendment to the EPO program is available to those who currently qualify for the program and is on a strictly volunteer basis, the Commission finds the eligibility restrictions and fees associated with the program to be reasonable.

4. As the remainder of the terms of the program are the same as those previously approved by this Commission in Order No. 2003-507, we find the additional program terms and options, including fees, to be acceptable.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F) permits the Commission to “allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing upon order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, or when the rates or tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility, or when the rates and tariffs are for experimental purposes ...”

2. The Commission concludes that Progress’ requested revision to its EPO program is a program which is limited only to a small number of non-residential customers meeting certain specific and defined criteria.

3. The Commission concludes that approval of the requested revisions to Progress’ EPO program will not require a determination of Progress’ entire rate structure and overall rate of return.

4. The Commission concludes that approval of the requested revisions to Progress’ EPO program should not result in any rate increase to Progress customers.

5. The Commission concludes that the modifications to Progress’ EPO program may provide benefits to Progress’ non-residential customers by permitting them to get a daily accounting of energy usage to better support their efforts to manage their electrical consumption.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. Progress' revisions to its Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider, providing an option for daily updates to meter data under the Energy Profiler Online, is approved as filed.

2. Progress shall file with this Commission ten (10) copies of its Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-2 within ten (10) days after receipt of this Order.

3. This Order shall be effective upon the date of issuance.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/  
Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/  
Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director

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